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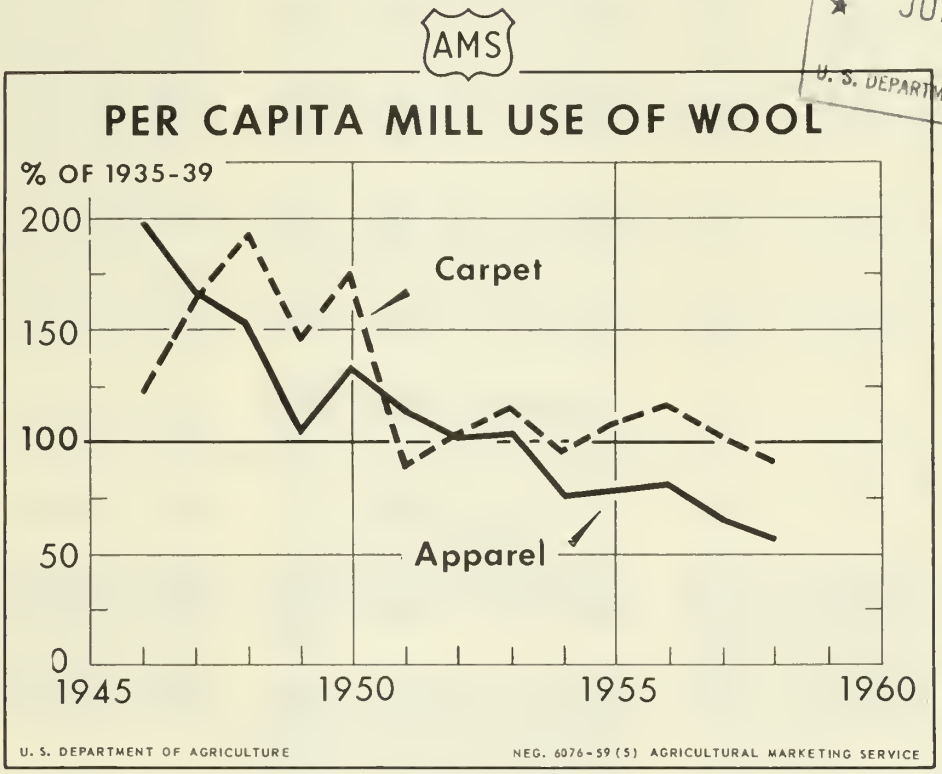

Per capita mill consumption of apparel wool declined for the second year in a row, and was the lowest of record since 1918. Average per capita consumption during the last three years was 33 percent below 1935-39.

Per capita mill use of carpet wool also declined last year. But use last year was slightly higher than the postwar low of 1951. The average for the last three years was about 3 percent above 1935-39.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY
Part I a - Prices

Item	Unit	1958 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	1959 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Latest data available as per cent of a year earlier
Shorn wool														
Average price received by farmers, grease basis	Cents per pound	47.1	43.5	41.7	36.9	37.5	37.6	36.3	36.1	35.6	35.1	35.1	39.2	106
Parity price 1/	pound	69.5	69.8	70.2	70.7	70.8	70.5	70.8	71.2	72.1	71.9	72.1	72.4	102
Farm as percent of parity	percent	68	62	59	52	53	53	51	51	49	49	49	54	
Boston, clean basis 2/	Cents per pound													
Domestic														
Graded territory														
Fine good French combing and staple	do.	140.0	137.5	125.0	113.5	113.0	112.5	112.5	112.5	108.8	107.5	107.5	116.5	103
½ blood good French combing and staple	do.	125.0	123.1	115.6	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	104.4	106.2	102.5	102.0	111.3	104
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	do.	115.0	113.8	107.5	96.5	95.0	97.5	97.5	93.2	96.0	93.0	90.6	101.0	105
¼ blood good French combing and staple	do.	110.0	109.4	102.5	91.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.0	92.5	90.0	87.5	96.5	105
Low ¼ blood	do.	92.5	92.5	92.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	85.0	80.6	91.0	104
Common and braid	do.	87.5	87.5	87.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	80.0	77.5	86.5	105
Graded fleece														
Delaine	do.	140.0	138.8	129.4	121.5	118.0	117.5	117.0	114.3	112.5	112.5	112.5	118.5	98
½ blood good French combing and staple	do.	118.0	116.1	108.8	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	100.5	99.8	97.5	93.8	106.7	104
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	do.	107.0	102.1	93.8	84.7	87.5	87.5	87.5	84.3	90.8	87.0	86.0	96.2	114
¼ blood good French combing and staple	do.	102.0	97.1	88.8	80.5	83.9	86.1	84.8	82.0	86.2	82.9	82.5	91.9	114
Low ¼ blood	do.	92.5	92.5	88.8	78.5	77.5	81.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	78.1	77.5	86.9	111
Common and braid	do.	87.5	87.5	87.5	76.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	73.8	72.5	81.5	107
Original bag Texas														
Fine 12 months good French combing and staple	do.	149.0	141.2	128.1	117.5	118.0	117.5	117.5	117.5	113.8	112.5	112.5	119.5	102
Fine 8 months (1" and over)	do.	130.0	126.9	117.5	107.5	109.0	107.5	103.8	99.5	96.2	90.0	87.5	102.5	95
Fine fall (¾" and over)	do.	115.0	106.9	101.2	92.5	95.0	95.0	92.5	90.5	91.2	85.0	82.5	93.5	101
Imported, excluding duty														
Australian														
64's, 70's warp and ½ warp	do.	132.5	132.5	128.8	127.5	124.5	122.5	122.5	112.5	107.5	102.5	102.5	108.5	85
64's, 70's good topmaking	do.	127.5	127.5	123.8	122.5	119.5	117.5	117.5	107.5	102.5	97.5	97.5	103.5	84
64's combing	do.	122.5	122.5	118.8	117.5	114.5	112.5	112.5	102.5	97.5	92.5	92.5	98.5	84
58's, 60's combing	do.	112.5	112.5	108.8	107.5	104.5	102.5	102.5	97.5	92.5	87.5	87.5	93.5	87
Montevideo														
0's (58's, 60's)	do.	115.5	115.5	114.8	114.5	106.5	106.5	98.5	93.5	87.0	87.8	91.5	98.5	86
1's (56's)	do.	108.0	108.0	107.6	107.5	97.0	97.0	95.0	89.5	86.0	86.0	89.1	93.8	87
2's (50's)	do.	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	94.5	94.5	92.5	87.5	82.5	82.5	85.5	88.3	84
3's (46's, 48's)	do.	102.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	83.5	83.5	81.5	77.5	75.0	75.0	75.0	78.0	79
4's (44"s)	do.	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	84.5	84.5	81.5	78.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	76.3	79
5's (40's)	do.	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	84.5	84.5	81.5	78.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	76.3	79
Buenos Aires														
5's (40's)	do.	79.4	76.5	74.2	70.3	67.5	66.8	64.5	62.5	60.0	62.0	67.0	74.8	106
5's (40/36's)	do.	77.1	74.5	72.2	68.3	65.5	64.8	62.5	61.5	58.0	60.0	65.0	72.8	107

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market.

THE WOOL SITUATION

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SUMMARY

The downturn in the world wool demand and prices has been reversed and significant improvements have occurred in recent months. The increased 1958-59 clip as well as stocks accumulated in producing countries are finding a ready market.

World wool production in 1958-59 is currently estimated at 5.2 billion pounds, grease basis, 200 million pounds or 4 percent above the previous season. Production in Australia and the Soviet Union are at near record levels. Exportable supplies in Southern Hemisphere countries are also augmented by a 190 million pound increase in beginning stocks.

World market prices for wool have advanced during most of this year. Average prices in April for Dominion wools, clean basis, were 10 to 25 cents per pound above January. In contrast, prices declined in the corresponding period of 1958. Current prices in major import markets are above year-earlier levels for the first time in nearly 2 years.

The firming of prices reflects a pick-up in mill consumption in major consuming countries, rebuilding of depleted inventories in anticipation of further increases in mill activity and prices and rather substantial purchases by the Soviet Union. Some softening of world prices from late April levels may be considered a temporary reaction to the preceding sharp rise and have been due in part to increased offerings resulting from stockpile dispositions in South Africa and New Zealand and the upward revision in the Australian production estimate.

Boston quotations for domestic wools did not respond to stronger world prices until early in April, thus showing their usual lag in relation to prices in foreign markets. By May 15, however, the Boston quotations were 10 to 15 cents a pound above mid-January. The average price received by domestic growers for shorn wool in mid-April was 39.2 cents a pound, grease basis, 4.1 cents above March and 2.3 cents over April 1958.

The upturn in world wool consumption which began in the fourth quarter of 1958 continued into 1959. During October-December 1958 the rate of mill consumption in 10 countries which report to the Commonwealth Economic Committee rose sharply, and was 3 percent above a year earlier. It was the first substantial quarterly increase since January-March 1957 and reflected higher consumption in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and Belguim. Mill activity in these 4 countries continued to improve during January-March 1959, and consumption in the 10 countries during the quarter was 6 percent above a year earlier. United States consumption of apparel wool in January-

April 1959 totaled 89 million pounds, scoured basis, 32 percent more than a year earlier. Consumption of carpet wool during the same 4 months totaled 59 million pounds, a striking gain of 60 percent. Total raw wool consumption during the first 4 months of 1959 of 148 million pounds was about 42 percent above a year earlier and about equal to total consumption during the first 4 months of 1957.

Reduced domestic consumption was accompanied by a substantial decline in imports during most of 1958. However, imports began to increase in the final months of last year and the total decline from 1957 to 1958 was less than 10 million pounds. U. S. imports of wool continued to rise in the first quarter of 1959. During January-March 1959 imports for consumption, clean basis, increased 43 million pounds above a year earlier. Of the increase, 15 million represented dutiable wools and 28 million pounds imports of duty-free wool. Total imports for consumption in the first quarter of 1959, at 88 million pounds, were equal to 46 percent of the entire previous calendar year's imports.

Stocks were drawn down substantially in 1958 in order to meet current mill requirements. Commercial stocks of apparel wool in the United States on January 1, 1959 were reported by the Bureau of the Census at 92 million pounds, scoured basis, about 23 million pounds or one-fifth below a year earlier. Most of the decline was in dealers' stocks; manufacturers' holdings were about 3 million pounds less than on January 1, 1958. Reflecting the higher rate of mill use and lower stocks, the stock consumption ratio for apparel was about 20 percent lower than on January 1, 1958. Manufacturers' stocks on January 1, 1959 represented 13.7 weeks' mill supply compared with 17.2 weeks a year earlier. Commercial stocks of carpet wool remained at about the January 1958 level of 34 million pounds, scoured basis. At the October-December 1958 rate of consumption, manufacturers' stocks represented 9.2 weeks' mill supply compared with 12.7 on January 1, 1958.

WORLD WOOL SITUATION

World Production Higher

The 1958-59 world wool production is currently estimated by the Foreign Agricultural Service at 5,195 million pounds, grease basis. This is 200 million pounds or 4 percent above the 1957-58 output and a 150 million pound increase from estimates made earlier in this season. More than half of the upward revision in world output derived from new data regarding the Australian clip. Australian production was estimated on May 1 at 1,544 million pounds, more than 100 million pounds above 1957-58 and near the record of 1,564 million pounds 2 seasons ago. The larger Australian production is primarily due to higher fleece weights than for last season's drought-affected clip, and reflects better seasonal conditions and delayed shearing. Most of the remainder of the upward revision in the world production estimate reflects higher output in the Soviet Union. The severe floods in Argentina and Uruguay, which reportedly took a heavy toll in livestock, are not believed to affect the 1958-59 clip but are likely to reduce next year's production.

Exportable Supplies Larger

World exportable supplies in 1958-59 include not only the larger production this season, but a substantially larger carryover. The carryover in Southern Hemisphere countries at the beginning of the season (July 1 in the Dominions and October 1 in South America) totaled 352 million pounds, grease basis, compared with 160 million pounds a year earlier. Over three-fourths of the increase was in Agentina and Uruguay. The increased stocks in the Dominions as of July 1 were about offset by a reduction in the United Kingdom strategic reserve stockpile. On the other hand, the South African and New Zealand Wool Commissions continued to add to their holdings through most of 1958, and the Commissions purchased about 60 million pounds before the market firmed.

The revival of the world woolen textile consumption and the strengthening of world prices made it possible to reduce these accumulated stocks. By the end of April stock sales in South Africa totaled about 16 million pounds and in New Zealand about 14 million pounds. By late April, virtually all of the heavy stocks overhanging the market in South America had been disposed of. Offerings of wool from the United Kingdom stockpile which were suspended in April 1958 will be resumed at the London auctions on May 27.

Table 1.--Southern Hemisphere Wool Production and Stocks
million pounds, grease basis

Country	Beginning stocks		Production		Total supply	
	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59
Australia	26	32	1,433	1,544	1,459	1,576
New Zealand	18	39	496	530	514	569
South Africa	3	18	299	305	302	323
Argentina	73	185	408	422	481	607
Uruguay	40	78	198	176	238	254
Total	160	352	2,834	2,977	2,994	3,329

World Wool Prices Rising

World wool prices have advanced during most of this year. Average prices in April for Dominion wools, clean basis, were 10 to 25 cents per pound above January (table 7). These gains contrasted with price declines in the corresponding period of 1958. Compared with a year earlier, the coarser wools were up to 15 cents higher while 60's and finer were unchanged to 7 cents below April 1958. Some slight easing in prices since the end of April may be reflecting reduced buying following the sharp price rise in April as well as increased offerings resulting from stockpile dispositions in New Zealand and South Africa and higher world production estimates.

April prices for certain grades of Dominion wools averaged above a year earlier, in contrast to a decline during the previous year. Dominion wools, including the U. S. duty of 25 1/2 cents per pound, ranged from 5 percent lower to 18 percent higher than a year earlier with the increases limited to 58's and coarser. However, as of mid-May Australian auction prices, as reported, by the Australian Wool Bureau were above a year earlier on all grades from 70's through 50's.

Boston quotations for foreign wools , in bond, rose sharply in April but remained below year-earlier levels. This reflects the usual lag of Boston prices in relation to prices in foreign markets. By mid-May, in bond prices for Uruguay wools, but not Australian wools, were above May 1958. Boston quotations for domestic wool also did not respond to stronger world prices until early in April. By May 22, however, the Boston quotations for domestic wools were 10 to 15 cents a pound above mid-January, and 2 to 28 percent above a year earlier (table 8).

World Consumption and Demand Rising

The firming of world prices reflects a pick-up in mill consumption in major consuming countries, re-stocking in anticipation of further increases in mill activity and prices, and rather substantial purchases by the Soviet Bloc. Mill consumption in the 10 countries which report to the Commonwealth Economic Committee rose sharply during October-December 1958 and was 3 percent above a year earlier. This was the first substantial quarterly increase since January-March 1957 and reflected higher consumption in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and Belgium. Mill activity in these countries continued to improve during January-March 1959, and combined consumption in the 10 countries during the quarter was 6 percent above a year ago. Among the major free world countries, only in France did mill use continue to decline substantially, although Western Germany, Italy, Australia and Sweden also consumed less during the 6 months ending in March 1959 than in the corresponding period last season. Stocks in major consuming countries at the beginning of the season were at their lowest levels since 1955. Increased purchases by the Soviet Union, in face of significantly larger production, reflected in part the resumption of diplomatic relations between that country and Australia.

Exports Rise

Reflecting the firming of demand, sales at the Dominion auctions and in South America have been well above a year earlier. Exports from the 5 major surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere during the first half of the 1958-59 season (July-December for Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa and October-March for Argentina and Uruguay) are estimated at about 1,150 million pounds, actual weight, compared with 999 million pounds during the comparable period of 1957-58. About 60 million pounds were exported to the Soviet Union and 47 million to the rest of the Soviet Bloc, compared to the 1957-58 season total of 52 million and 95 million pounds, respectively.

Exports from these 5 countries during the first half of the season were 15 percent above last year, in contrast with an 11-percent increase in available supplies. Most of the improvement has taken place since January 1, 1959. The volume of sales through April indicates that exports for the entire season will be ahead of last year for each of the 5 countries.

THE DOMESTIC MARKET

Domestic Mill Use of Apparel Wool Rising

Domestic woolen and worsted mills used 89 million pounds of apparel wool, scoured basis, during the first 4 months of 1959. This was 22 million pounds or 32 percent above January-April 1958. Consumption in March and April alone was nearly 13 million pounds or 36 percent above a year earlier. Average weekly rates of consumption were above a year earlier for the seventh successive month. The average weekly rate of consumption in April 1959 was 5,767 pounds, the highest weekly rate since October 1956. The April rate was 54 percent above a year ago, and 15 percent above April 1957 (table 11).

January-March consumption during 1945-58 represented, on the average, 26 percent of the total year's consumption. On this basis, and allowing for the rising trend, total consumption of apparel wool in 1959 may be about 20 percent above the total of 217 million pounds consumed in 1958.

The total quantity of fiber used by the wool textile industry in the spinning of yarn other than carpet and in the production of tops during the first quarter of 1959 was 29 million pounds, or 27 percent above a year earlier. Use of man-made fiber was up about 6 million pounds, or 25 percent. Rayon and acetate use increased 18 percent, and the non-cellulosic fibers gained 30 percent. Consumption of other fibers, mostly reused and reprocessed wool, was about 16 percent or 6 million pounds higher than a year earlier. As a result of these changes wool's share of total fibers used by the woolen and worsted mills increased to 49 percent from 46 percent in the first quarter of 1958, but remained well below the average of 57 percent during the first quarter of the 4 previous years. (tables 12 and 13).

Mill Use of Carpet Wool Rises Sharply

The use of wool by woolen mills in the spinning of carpet and rug yarn during January-April 1959 totaled 59 million pounds, scoured basis, a striking gain of 60 percent over the first 4 months of last year. Consumption in April 1959 at 35 million pounds, was more than twice as high as a year earlier (table 11).

Total use of fiber during January-March other than wool by the woolen industry increased 11 percent; a decrease of 3 percent in the use of manmade fibers partly offset a 39-percent increase in the combined use of reused and reprocessed wool, cotton, jute and others.

Wool's share of the carpet market rose to 74 percent in January-March, compared with 65 percent in the first quarter of 1958, and an average of 72 percent during the comparable period in 1954-57 (table 2).

During 1945-58, consumption during the first quarter of each year represented, on the average, 27.5 percent of the total use of wool by woolen mills in the spinning of carpet and rug yarn. Thus the indicated total consumption for the year would appear to be about 35 percent above the 119 million pounds consumed in 1958. However, a continuation of price increases may limit imports and hence total consumption.

Table 2.--Raw wool as a percent of total fiber use by the woolen and worsted industry

	Apparel 1/		Carpet 2/	
	Jan.-March	Total year	Jan.-March	Total year
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1954	58.5	53.9	75.0	72.8
1955	57.2	49.7	67.6	69.8
1956	56.4	50.3	74.4	72.2
1957	55.3	48.2	72.7	70.5
1958	45.7	46.2	65.0	67.3
1959	48.7		73.5	

1/ Consumption by the woolen and worsted systems. 2/ Consumption in carpet and rug yarn by the woolen system.

Higher Consumption Reverses 2-Year Downtrend

Total raw wool consumption during January-April 1959 was 148 million pounds, scoured basis, about 42 percent above a year earlier and slightly higher than during these months of 1957. The pick-up in mill activity since the latter part of 1958--which is generally in the textile industry--followed a cyclical decline in fiber use which began in 1956 (table 15).

Fiber consumption per person in the United States in 1958 was the lowest in 20 years. Total fiber use, 33.9 pounds, was 6 percent below 1957 and 14 percent below the average of the previous 5 years. Consumption of apparel and carpet wool at 1.9 pounds per capita, was the lowest since 1934, and .3 pound below 1957.

Since these data do not take into account inventory changes in manufactures, it is likely that the figures understate the actual level of consumer use. Inventory liquidation has been considerable during the past 2 years. Re-stocking all along the production and distribution system as well as the higher level of consumer purchases is expected to bring about a substantial increase in per capita consumption during 1959.

Imports Rise

Reduced domestic consumption was accompanied by a substantial decline in imports during most of 1958. Imports began to increase in the final months of last year, however, and the total import decline between 1957 and 1958 was about 5 percent or less than 10 million pounds. The pick-up continued into the first quarter of 1959. Total imports for consumption during January-March 1959, at 88 million pounds, were equal to 46 percent of the entire previous calendar year's imports.

U. S. imports of dutiable wool for consumption during January-March 1959 totaled 31.9 million pounds, clean content, 88 percent higher than a year earlier. During the same quarter, imports of duty-free wool for consumption in the manufacture of floor coverings amounted to 56.3 million pounds, clean content, nearly double a year earlier. Under legislation passed last year, duties were suspended until June 30, 1960 on imports of wool finer than 40's but not finer than 46's used in the manufacture of floor coverings. Such imports amounted to 3.6 million pounds in the first quarter of 1959.

Monthly imports have been above a year earlier since October 1958 for duty-free wools, and since November 1958 for dutiable wools.

Table 3.--United States imports for consumption of dutiable and duty-free wool, clean content, by quarters, 1957-59

Year and quarter	Dutiable	Duty-free
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1957		
January-March	26,542	39,082
April-June	20,091	25,632
July-September	18,681	32,761
October-December	12,893	23,521
Total	78,207	120,996
1958		
January-March	16,970	28,677
April-June	17,891	20,729
July-September	12,349	24,931
October-December	19,779	48,250
Total	66,989	122,587
1959		
January-March	31,931	56,290

Bureau of the Census.

U. S. Stocks Drawn Down in 1958

Despite the reduced level of domestic consumption in 1958, stocks were drawn down substantially. Commercial stocks of apparel wool in the United States on January 1, 1959 were reported by the Bureau of the Census at 92 million pounds, scoured basis, about 23 million pounds or one-fifth below a year earlier (table 16). Most of the decline was in dealers' stocks; manufacturers' holdings were about 3 million pounds less than on January 1, 1958. Reflecting the higher rate of mill use and lower stocks, the stock -consumption ratio for apparel use was about 20 percent lower than on January 1, 1958. Manufacturers stocks on January 1, 1959 represented 13.7 weeks' mill supply compared with 17.2 weeks a year earlier. Most of the stock decline in apparel wools was in domestic wools, holdings of which were 17 million pounds below a year earlier. Stocks of foreign wools were 6 million pounds lower, representing wool withdrawn from bond.

Commercial stocks of carpet wool on January 1, 1959 remained at about the year-earlier level of 34 million pounds, scoured basis. Of this, about 4 million pounds were held in bond. At the October-December 1958 rate of consumption manufacturers' stocks represented 9.2 weeks' mill supply compared with 12.7 on January 1, 1958 (table 17).

By April 1, carpet wool stocks had risen to 43.4 million pounds, scoured basis, 9.9 million pounds above January 1. All of the increase was in manufacturers' holdings. Dealers' stocks decreased. With the increase in total stocks, the stock-consumption ratio increased to 10.9 weeks despite the considerably higher rate of consumption during January-March.

Fabric Output Rose in Final Quarter; Year's Total Down

During the fourth quarter of last year production of woven wool fabric (except felt) containing, by weight, 50 percent or more raw, reused or reprocessed wool or other animal fiber was about 12 percent above a year earlier. It was the first quarterly increase over a year earlier since July-September 1956.

Total woven wool fabric production in 1958, 273 million linear yards, was 6 percent below 1957. The drop extended to practically all of the major fabric categories. Woven felt was down 2 percent; other non-apparel fabric was down 15 percent; and apparel fabric was down 6 percent. Of the non-apparel fabrics, declines of 14 percent in blanketing and 20 percent in transportation upholstery were accompanied by a 12-percent decline in other non-apparel fabrics. Most of the decline in apparel was due to a drop of 12 percent in men's and boys' wear fabric; the output of women's and children's wear fabrics was less than a half percent lower (tables 18 and 19).

Cuttings Rise in First Quarter

The average weekly rates of cutting of all major categories of men's tailored clothing for January-March 1959 was higher than a year earlier The largest increase, 39 percent, was cuttings of separate dress and sport trousers. Suit cuttings increased 15.7 percent, reflecting a 7-percent rise in regular -weight suits, and 22 percent for summer-weight suits. Cuttings of summer-weight suits containing 50 percent or more wool rose 32 percent (tables 21 and 22).

January-March cuttings of unit-prices dresses, suits, coats, and blouses were also above a year earlier. The increases ranged from 8 percent for blouses, 15 percent for dresses, 23 percent for suits

and 29 percent for skirts (tables 23 and 24).

1959-60 Domestic Production Likely to Increase

The 1958 production of shorn and pulled wool in the United States totaled 271.2 million pounds, actual weight. The shorn wool clip was up 5 million pounds but the output of pulled wool declined by more than 3 million pounds. On a clean basis total production was virtually the same as in 1957. For 1959 an increase in both shorn and pulled wool production is in prospect.

Federally inspected slaughter of sheep and lambs during the first 3 months of this year was about 18 percent above a year earlier. Although this rate of increase is not expected to continue the year's total slaughter and hence pulled wool production is expected to be above 1958.

With a 4-percent increase in stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches on January 1, 1959 from a year earlier, total shorn wool production may also increase again in 1959.

Tight Wool Supply May Develop

With the possible increases in consumption noted above, and relatively low stock holdings in relation to the rising domestic consumption an adequate domestic supply will depend on the maintenance of a high level of imports. However, imports may be limited by an increasingly strong demand in foreign consuming countries and by further price increases on world markets. Such a situation would not necessarily affect the recovery in the woolen and worsted textile industry but may have an adverse effect on wool's share of the textile market.

U. S. Growers' Prices Higher

The pick-up in domestic consumption and the increases in world wool prices have already been reflected in growers' prices. Prices received in mid-April averaged 39.2 cents per pound, 4.1 cents above a month earlier and 2.3 cents above April 1958. Prices were above a year earlier for the first time in 12 months.

Payments for the 1958 season will be made this summer when the average price received for shorn wool sold during the season becomes known. Average prices for the first 10 months of the season were about one-third below the 1957 season average of 53.7 cents. As the incentive level was unchanged from the 1957 season, aggregate payments in 1958 are expected to exceed 75 million dollars compared with 16 million in 1957.

With a substantial portion of the domestic clip out of first hands, indications are that prices received for wool sold during the 1959 marketing season will be substantially above 1958. The combined effect of higher average prices and the maintenance of the incentive level at last year's rate will be to reduce payment rates for shorn wool and unshorn lambs for the 1959 season. 1/

Higher Duty Applies to Wool Cloth

The Bureau of the Census announced that the 1959 woven wool fabric tariff quota of 13.5 million pounds was filled on May 19. Consequently the ad valorem duty on most fabrics has increased from 25 to 45 percent. For certain higher-priced high quality fabrics, the duty increases from 25 to 30 percent ad valorem for an additional 350,000 pounds, and only thereafter will the rate increase to 45 percent.

Under last year's tariff quota, of 14.2 million pounds, the increased rates of duty did not go into effect until late June. This year, the Bureau of Customs estimated imports through May 9 at 10.9 million pounds. Thus more than 2 1/2 million pounds were entered between May 9 and May 19 of this year.

The Mohair Situation

United States production of mohair in 1958 totaled 20.9 million pounds, grease basis compared with 19.1 million in 1957. United States production represents about 40 percent of the world total. The number of goats clipped in the U. S. in 1958 rose 6 percent while the yield per goat reached a record 6.1 pounds. A further increase in production is indicated for 1959 as Texas goat numbers are 8 percent above a year ago.

The United States is the world's largest exporter of mohair. In the last few years the bulk of the domestic clip has been exported, mainly to the United Kingdom. Toward the end of 1957, when woolen and worsted textile activity abroad began to decline, prices began a drop which continued until last May. Reportedly, as a result of the price drop, growers carried a substantial quantity of 1957 hair over into the current marketing season. After some advance in May and June, prices remained fairly stable until October when they again began to rise.

The average of prices received by growers for mohair sold during the first 10 months of the 1958 marketing year has been estimated at 67.3 cents per pound, grease basis. The support level for the season is 70 cents.

The average price received in April in Texas remained unchanged from March at $1.05 per pound, nearly double the price received in April 1958. The increase reflects the revival in foreign demand. Shipments of mohair and other wool-like specialty hair in January-March 1959 totaled 5.2 million pounds, clean basis, compared with 2.1 million pounds a year earlier. However, exports in the first quarter of 1958 were relatively low as a result of the textile recession in major foreign markets. Exports in the first quarter of 1959 increased sharply to the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Japan.

1/ The Agricultural Act of 1958 amended the National Wool Act of 1954, extending its provisions, including the incentive program for 3 additional years to March 31, 1962.

Mohair: United States exports, clean content, and prices received by farmers, by month, January 1957 to April 1958

Month	1957		1958		1959	
	Price received by farmers 1/	Exports 2/	Price received by farmers 1/	Exports 2/	Price received by farmers 1/	Exports 2/
	Cents	1,000 lb.	Cents	1,000 lb.	Cents	1,000 lb.
January	---	1,330	74.0	710	76.0	925
February	---	578	68.0	528	89.0	1,433
March	---	2,266	59.0	858	105.0	2,864
April	---	2,101	55.0	1,302	105.0	---
May	---	617	63.0	1,215		
June	---	90	70.0	677		
July	---	215	70.0	706		
August	---	224	66.0	942		
September	---	660	69.0	1,276		
October	---	899	74.0	2,415		
November	---	619	78.0	1,519		
December	---	393	80.0	1,062		
	Ave. 83.7	Total 9,992	Ave. 67.3	Total 13,210	Ave.	Total

1/ Monthly prices are for Texas only; United States season April-March average.

2/ Includes alpaca and similar specialty hair.

RAW WOOL CONTENT OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE IN WOOL MANUFACTURES, 1920-1957 1/

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United States imports of wool manufactures for the 10 years ending with 1957 averaged 68 million pounds, wool content. The average wool content of exported wool manufactures during the same period was 8 million pounds. The corresponding figures for 1957 were 85 million and 4 million. In terms of raw wool content, wool manufactures exceeded exports in every year between 1920 and 1957 with the exception of the five years 1943-47, when annual exports averaged about 40 million pounds more than imports, as a result of Lend-Lease and other government and private aid shipments. The import surplus averaged 36 million pounds per year in 1920-29, 17 million in 1930-39 and 68 million in 1950-57. Tables 5 and 6 summarize the foreign trade of the United States in manufactures of wool in terms of equivalent pounds of fiber.

The basic problem in determining the wool content of manufactures entering United States foreign trade arose from the fact that many of the items reported by the Bureau of the Census are given in units other than pounds. Based on value, approximately 60 percent of exports and 75 percent of imports were reported in pounds. The purpose of this study was to develop suitable factors to convert to pounds the balance of those commodities which were reported in other units such as number, square yards, dozen, or dollar value. Conversion factors had previously been developed for the years 1892-1948 for the approximately 23 percent of the total value of imported and exported manufactures reported in quantity units other than pounds. 2/ These were examined and revised and the data extended to 1957 and 1958 respectively. In addition factors were developed for estimating the raw wool content of items reported in terms of value only, which were entirely omitted in the earlier study.

In the case of wool product imports, the value group represented less than one-half of one percent of total imports during the postwar period and approximately 2 percent prior to that time. With the exception of carpets and rugs, which were reported in square feet, all other commodities were reported in pounds.

For wool products exports, however, about 20 percent of total value of such exports were reported in terms of value only. Furthermore all apparel items, carpets and rugs, and miscellaneous manufactures were reported in units other than pounds. Items requiring conversion to pounds from other quantity units or from value only accounted for a varying proportion of the total value of exported manufactures averaging 50 percent in 1920-29, 75 percent in 1930-39, 35 percent in 1940-49, and 45 percent in 1950-58.

In deriving acceptable factors for converting available data to pounds of raw wool various sources of information were utilized. For most of the apparel items and carpets and rugs, reported in quantity units other than pounds, the advice and comments of members of trade associations regarding fiber content and weight were most helpful. Government agencies 3/ also supplied valuable materials concerning fiber content of products.

A fundamental quantitive measure for arriving at raw wool content was provided by gross shipping weight data for individual commodities which are published in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States for 1943 and 1944, and in Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce of the United States for 1945, 1946, and January to June 1947. Additional shipping weight data covering vessel shipment for selected commodities for 1952 and 1953 were secured from unpublished machine tabulations of the Bureau of the Census. Net weight of these products was then determined by making an appropriate allowance for tare. 4/ In those instances where quantity units were also reported, a conversion factor in terms of pounds per unit was readily obtained from the relationship between these measures.

In converting to pounds so-called "basket categories," composed of a heterogeneous group of commodities and reported in terms of value only, special techniques had to be developed. The fundamental criteria for this purpose was the determination of a unit value, or price per pound, for the selected years when data were available. These prices served as "benchmarks" for arriving at prices for intervening and adjecent years. In addition to the two periods 1943-47 and 1952-53 for which price was determined from converted shipping weight data, actual price per pound was available for the four years 1922-25 when all commodities except carpets and rugs and felt hats were reported in pounds. To obtain prices for the missing years a price series was selected which was generally representative of the fluctuations of prices of wool manufactures over the period 1920-57. The particular price series which most nearly satisfied the requirements was one currently published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics: Price per pound of Bradford system worsted weaving yarn, 2/32's (64's) undyed, United States. Prices per pound for the intervening years were derived by relating the benchmark prices to fluctuations in the Bradford Series, adjusted for 6 months lag. Appropriate adjustment for trend was made in those instances where the newly computed price differed significantly from the following base price. This technique was modified in some instances to meet changed census reporting conditions, but in general, prices for missing years were derived from a given base price adjusted according to the relative change in some series indicative of price change.

It is recognized that in many cases these price estimates do not fully take account of changes in the composition of the commodity groups. Style changes which affect fiber content, change in reported unit of measure, shifts in country of origin of imports or destination of exports, and most of all changes in commodity classification make it difficult to secure that homogeneity in a time series which is essential in deriving conversion factors.

The export commodity, designated "Other Knit Wearing Apparel," is a typical example of classification and unit of measure changes over a long period of time. In 1920 and 1921 this group was combined with woven wearing apparel and reported in value only. During 1922-25 it was included with total knit apparel and reported in pounds; in 1926, however, value only was shown. In 1927-28, it excluded bathing suits and was reported in dozens; from 1929 to 1944 value only was given for the same group. In 1945-51 both bathing suits and sweaters were omitted from this classification; from 1952 to 1957 only sweaters were excluded, with value only reported in both periods. In 1958 pounds were again reported. These changes made it necessary to combine two or more commodity classifications for the benchmark base period in order to obtain the comparability required for estimating the missing price data.

The most significant change in the present conversion factors for items included in the earlier study was for the carpet and rug group. Based on additional information concerning the proportion of various types of fiber consumed for surface and backing yarns, the factor for wool content was considerably reduced from the 4.5 pounds per square yard used formerly. The new factors are indicated in the tables. Important changes were also made in converting the men's and boys' suits, pants and coats classification: the wool content in recent years was reduced to reflect the trend towards lighter weight garments. The factors used to convert to raw wool equivalent quantity units other than pounds are indicated in tables 5 and 6. 5/

1/ The following study is part of a project to determine the fiber content of textile manufactures entering United States foreign trade, authorized under the Research and Marketing Act. Reprints are available on request from the Division of Market Information, Agricultural Marketing, Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Data on the raw wool content of United States exports and imports of wool manufactures will be published on a continuing basis in subsequent issues of the Wool Situation.

2/ "Trends in the consumption of fibers in the United States 1892-1948," by Barkley Medows. (U. S. Department of Agriculture Statistical Bulletin No. 89.)

3/ Including the Office of the Appraiser of Merchandise of the Bureau of Customs, the Tariff Commission, and the Cotton Products Export Office, Commodity Stabilization Service of the Department of Agriculture.

4/ United States Tariff Commission Commodity Packaging Data, 1937, gives gross weight, tare weight of inner and outer container, and net weight of various commodities packaged for shipment.

5/ No allowance has been made for nonspinnable waste or for the offsetting quantities of reprocessed and reused wool, nor for other fibers which are included in combination with wool in all Census descriptions relating to commodities "wholly or in chief weight wool and/or wool-like specialty hair."

Table 5.--Raw wool content of United States imports for consumption of wool manufactures, 1920-1957 1/

Calendar year	Noils	Wastes 2/	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Woven fabrics 3/	Wool blankets 4/	Wearing apparel: Knit	Wearing apparel: Other than knit 5/	Other manufactures 6/	Carpets and rugs 7/	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1920	2,584	1,962	1,063	3,407	7,096	76	928	940	456	5,150	23,662
1921	4,846	2,395	15,390	5,135	8,486	45	1,074	801	376	5,678	44,226
1922	4,648	11,281	2,325	4,432	8,768	67	1,914	1,029	526	7,298	42,288
1923	8,575	6,812	3,980	5,617	11,114	244	1,645	1,002	575	9,411	48,975
1924	10,885	6,251	781	3,121	11,503	225	1,580	1,452	1,819	9,511	47,128
1925	7,828	5,189	335	1,229	10,813	296	1,499	2,681	1,146	10,040	41,056
1926	4,663	4,054	185	843	10,765	577	1,218	3,935	539	11,206	37,985
1927	8,336	4,750	250	339	11,485	836	1,369	5,255	705	11,647	44,972
1928	8,816	4,629	113	212	9,874	861	1,302	6,185	563	10,974	43,529
1929	6,831	3,143	708	247	10,280	831	1,168	7,415	575	10,673	41,871
1930	3,747	2,599	379	253	5,190	543	1,194	4,841	318	7,388	26,452
1931	2,151	707	30	154	2,785	261	1,443	2,753	209	5,751	16,244
1932	1,807	152	8	197	1,901	125	1,109	2,142	124	4,249	11,814
1933	2,449	1,293	97	344	2,794	163	1,142	1,959	105	4,545	14,891
1934	1,287	811	101	294	2,487	122	677	2,080	101	3,045	11,005
1935	4,092	1,476	110	441	3,149	229	1,220	2,669	130	4,074	17,590
1936	9,759	4,112	366	539	4,535	738	1,449	3,527	385	4,173	29,583
1937	6,671	3,051	247	342	5,730	1,028	1,349	3,177	453	3,993	26,041
1938	2,279	730	58	455	3,866	472	804	2,445	193	2,519	13,821
1939	6,022	3,904	114	652	6,891	468	1,037	1,472	197	4,050	24,807
1940	5,189	2,066	35	604	5,513	237	1,057	612	135	4,752	20,200
1941	7,035	3,720	158	523	5,305	227	989	510	135	3,806	22,408
1942	4,540	4,805	134	650	6,414	393	567	367	399	2,319	20,588
1943	3,764	3,480	224	795	2,510	764	346	412	317	576	13,188
1944	4,932	4,439	223	299	1,076	314	162	441	140	2,007	14,033
1945	3,325	4,248	801	73	1,517	164	198	1,110	110	3,981	15,527
1946	4,845	5,736	117	835	2,161	120	629	368	132	5,520	20,463
1947	4,091	2,256	264	390	2,508	224	849	329	80	4,948	15,939
1948	17,049	4,261	4,018	1,257	4,712	325	1,043	2,087	93	7,418	42,263
1949	19,807	6,604	2,266	1,506	4,295	227	1,425	413	125	6,731	43,399
1950	20,579	13,225	4,480	2,413	9,188	384	2,661	587	201	10,086	63,804
1951	15,900	7,298	10,456	1,605	9,019	238	2,169	1,053	249	8,400	56,387
1952	25,485	11,721	23,247	2,386	12,528	448	2,181	1,303	214	8,481	87,994
1953	18,521	9,087	5,633	2,114	12,096	421	2,407	1,352	424	9,908	61,963
1954	25,689	10,350	451	1,649	9,357	206	2,111	1,180	995	9,064	61,052
1955	31,693	14,456	391	2,038	14,402	156	2,424	1,692	1,814	12,333	81,399
1956	30,381	16,370	1,175	2,405	17,449	142	3,611	3,148	2,477	13,923	91,081
1957	28,572	14,451	936	2,313	15,987	164	3,737	2,952	1,838	14,223	85,173

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca, and other wool-like specialty hair.
2/ Not including rags.
3/ Includes pile fabrics and manufactures, tapestry and upholstery goods, press and billiard cloths.
4/ Includes carriage and automobile robes, steamer rugs, etc.
5/ Includes laces, lace articles, veils and veilings, nets and nettings, when reported in pounds.
6/ Includes knit fabrics in the piece and miscellaneous manufactures not elsewhere specified.
7/ Converted at pounds per square foot as follows: Not made on power-derived loom, 1920-57, 0.5; made on power-driven loom, 1920-42, 0.17; 1943, 0.29; 1944, 0.09; 1945, 0.10; 1956, 0.16; 1947, 0.21; 1948-57, 0.20.

Compiled from reports of the United States Department of Commerce.

Table 6.--Raw wool content of United States domestic exports of wool manufactures, 1920-1958 1/

Calendar year	Noils and wastes 2/	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Fabrics woven and knit	Wool blankets 3/	Wearing apparel: Knit 4/	Wearing apparel: Other then knit 5/	Felts	Other manufactures 6/	Carpets and rugs 7/	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1920	---	---	---	8,725	645	---	2,596	---	5,987	---	17,953
1921	---	---	---	2,206	196	---	1,554	---	2,319	---	6,275
1922	668	42	151	1,105	---	205	1,161	449	432	141	4,354
1923	765	---	164	1,032	---	227	1,131	436	1,152	152	5,059
1924	1,044	---	99	637	---	172	1,039	357	452	133	3,933
1925	618	---	56	547	---	220	837	390	544	97	3,309
1926	769	---	33	433	---	347	859	320	406	159	3,326
1927	796	---	35	439	---	393	937	259	554	133	3,546
1928	828	---	45	486	---	595	817	238	480	206	3,695
1929	540	---	31	469	---	688	891	350	497	304	3,770
1930	599	---	149	361	---	762	540	186	366	158	3,121
1931	401	---	72	201	---	582	382	73	255	64	2,030
1932	324	---	68	82	---	141	217	30	175	32	1,069
1933	453	---	11	92	---	146	357	32	310	57	1,458
1934	642	---	7	187	---	88	198	64	133	126	1,445
1935	332	---	16	289	---	136	306	38	266	149	1,532
1936	328	---	29	232	---	204	312	50	159	205	1,519
1937	597	---	16	216	---	185	458	76	128	208	1,884
1938	1,319	---	11	253	---	200	443	48	101	180	2,555
1939	884	---	70	310	---	246	481	85	416	178	2,670
1940	7,658	---	192	650	---	235	631	159	1,423	222	11,170
1941	623	2,280	178	1,018	659	318	1,276	246	147	517	7,262
1942	749	3,055	659	6,268	3,742	459	980	272	360	537	17,081
1943	897	2,625	2,887	30,721	5,088	370	894	205	280	461	44,428
1944	1,164	2,316	1,715	46,691	8,299	2,949	8,868	597	2,412	339	75,350
1945	982	1,258	3,259	28,935	7,399	2,361	10,426	739	277	365	56,001
1946	2,416	3,437	2,340	23,141	6,832	3,693	14,623	943	555	920	58,900
1947	4,978	7,101	4,347	17,505	3,150	1,677	4,708	850	774	998	46,088
1948	2,940	262	1,820	5,391	3,742	755	4,099	628	672	342	20,651
1949	2,225	96	402	3,077	1,131	397	1,808	563	342	234	10,275
1950	1,385	54	414	2,392	761	434	1,259	393	226	217	7,535
1951	2,296	47	216	2,444	1,196	214	487	436	288	537	8,161
1952	2,255	51	316	1,229	164	338	397	437	375	505	6,067
1953	1,513	99	206	851	218	322	415	388	480	476	4,968
1954	1,693	87	281	772	838	277	383	383	463	381	5,558
1955	2,102	78	283	681	464	241	426	346	406	434	5,461
1956	2,176	117	245	847	107	296	461	288	611	474	5,622
1957	1,043	159	155	557	109	256	515	237	502	636	4,169
1958 8/	1,748	95	133	664	242	177	364	178	314	664	4,579

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca and other wool-like specialty hair. Omissions indicate data were not reported separately. 2/ Not including rags.
3/ 1920 and 1921 weight was computed from estimated price per pound and reported value.
4/ Pounds were computed from estimated price per pound, 1926 to date.
5/ Includes men's and boys' suits, pants, overcoats group items converted at 4 pounds each 1926-44, 3.5 pounds 1945-49, 3 pounds 1950 to date; women's and children's suits, dresses, ensembles group items converted at 3 pounds each 1926 to date; wool felt hats group converted at 0.25 pounds each 1922-47, 0.21 pounds 1948-51, 0.17 pounds 1952 to date. Other wearing apparel not knit 1945 to date computed from price estimates. Includes knit wearing apparel 1920 and 1921.
6/ Census Bureau's Schedule B classification, designated manufactures, nec.
7/ Converted at pounds per square yard as follows: 1922-29, 1.65; 1930-38, 1.75; 1939-47, 1.8; 1948-50, 2.1; 1951 to date 2.5. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
Part I b - Prices

Item	1958 January	1958 February	1958 March	1958 April	1958 July	1958 August	1958 September	1958 October	1959 January	1959 February	1959 March	1959 April	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Percent
Shorn wool													
British Dominion markets 1/													
70's	125.4	131.4	122.0	12?.1	114.5	---	107.5	98.2	91.2	93.6	96.1	115.0	94
64's	114.9	119.7	110.3	110.3	105.1	---	96.9	90.1	85.4	90.1	92.6	110.3	---
60's	110.2	113.8	105.6	103.3	97.0	---	88.8	83.0	79.5	84.3	86.7	103.3	---
58's	104.3	107.9	99.7	96.2	87.6	---	81.8	79.5	77.2	80.8	82.0	97.4	101
56's	93.8	95.0	89.2	82.2	83.0	---	79.4	78.4	77.2	77.3	77.3	86.8	106
50's	78.5	77.4	71.6	66.9	66.6	---	64.2	64.3	65.5	69.1	69.1	79.8	119
48's	76.2	75.1	69.2	62.2	64.3	---	61.9	62.0	64.3	66.7	66.8	77.5	125
46's	73.8	72.7	66.9	61.0	63.1	---	60.7	59.6	63.1	65.6	65.6	76.3	125
Australian auctions 2/													
70's good	124	130	119	120	---	---	107	102	94	96	97	116	97
70's average	119	124	113	114	---	---	101	94	87	89	90	110	96
64's good	116	121	110	110	---	---	98	91	83	87	89	109	99
64's average	111	116	106	106	---	---	92	86	80	84	86	104	98
60's good	109	112	103	102	---	---	89	83	79	82	84	101	99
60's average	104	108	99	98	---	---	85	79	76	79	81	97	99
58's good	102	103	94	93	---	---	81	77	72	76	77	92	99
58's average	97	99	90	88	---	---	76	73	70	73	74	89	101
56's good	96	97	89	84	---	---	74	71	68	72	73	86	102
56's average	90	93	84	79	---	---	70	67	66	69	70	83	105
50's good	83	83	74	72	---	---	66	63	64	67	67	77	107
50's average	79	80	72	69	---	---	62	59	62	65	64	75	109
Scoured pulled wool 3/													
Domestic													
70's, 2" and longer	155.0	153.8	150.0	145.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	130.0	127.5	122.5	122.5	130.5	90
64's, 70's, 1½" and longer	145.0	143.8	140.0	135.0	130.0	130.0	130.0	122.5	121.8	118.8	120.0	126.5	94
60's, 64's, 1½" and longer	137.5	136.2	132.5	127.5	125.0	125.0	125.0	117.5	113.8	112.5	112.5	119.5	94
60's, 1½" and longer	132.5	131.2	127.5	119.3	115.0	112.5	112.5	109.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	113.5	95
58's, 60's, 2" and longer	124.5	122.2	118.5	113.3	108.5	107.5	107.5	104.5	105.0	105.0	105.0	111.5	98
56's, 58's, 2" and longer	120.4	118.5	115.0	109.0	106.5	106.5	103.5	99.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	105.5	97
56's, 2" and longer	117.3	116.2	115.0	107.0	102.9	99.8	97.5	94.5	92.5	93.1	95.0	104.5	98
50's, 56's, 2" and longer	113.5	111.2	107.5	102.5	95.0	95.0	94.4	89.5	87.5	87.5	87.5	99.5	97
44's, 50's, 4" and longer	110.5	109.2	105.5	100.5	87.0	87.5	87.5	84.5	83.8	85.0	85.0	89.5	89
36's, 44's, 4" and longer	102.5	101.2	97.5	92.5	82.0	80.0	80.0	78.5	77.5	77.5	77.5	82.5	89

1/ Prices represent unweighted averages for super, good, and average topmaking fleeces and better grades of skirtings, bought for combing at United Kingdom and Dominion auctions, adjusted to London cost, clean without oil, and include various charges such as brokers' buying commission, delivery charge to port of shipment, cost of exchange, sea freight, insurance, United Kingdom landing charge, and cost delivery to United Kingdom mill. Prices reported in pence (U. K.) by New Zealand Wool Commission converted to cents at current rates of exchange.

2/ Quotations are averages of prices of wools sold in the greasy state at all Australian selling centers and represent realizations on the auction floor, excluding all subsequent charges such as buying commission, freight, insurance, etc. Monthly averages reported in pence (Australian) by the Wool Statistical Service of the Australian Wool Bureau converted to cents at current monthly rates of exchange.

3/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
Part I c - Prices

Item	Unit	1958 January	1958 February	1958 March	1958 April	1958 July	1958 August	1958 September	1958 October	1959 January	1959 February	1959 March	1959 April	Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
Mohair														
Average price received by farmers for Texas mohair, grease basis	Cents per pound	74.0	68.0	59.0	55.0	70.0	66.0	69.0	74.0	76.0	89.0	105.0	105.0	191
Parity price 1/		91.5	91.8	92.4	93.0	93.0	92.7	93.0	93.6	---	---	---	---	110
Farmers' price as percent of parity	Percent	81	74	64	59	75	71	74	79	---	---	---	---	
Boston market prices	Cents													
Texas mohair, grease basis 2/	per													
Graded	pound													
No. 1 Kid (Bulk 36's)	do.	173.5	167.5	163.8	158.5	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	150.6	153.1	170.0	190.0	120
No. 2 Kid (Bulk 32's)	do.	162.5	157.5	150.0	143.5	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	135.6	138.1	155.0	171.0	119
No. 1 Grown (Bulk 28's)	do.	106.5	97.5	93.8	91.5	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	108.1	113.1	137.5	143.5	157
No. 2 Grown (Bulk 24's)	do.	93.5	92.5	81.2	75.5	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.6	86.2	112.5	114.5	152
No. 3 Grown (Bulk 20's)	do.	78.5	77.5	70.0	65.5	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	74.4	78.8	97.5	105.5	161
No. 4 Grown (Bulk 18's)	do.	73.5	72.5	65.0	59.5	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	69.4	73.8	92.5	100.5	169
Sorted														
40's	do.	191.5	185.0	185.0	185.0	190.0	190.0	187.5	185.0	200.0	207.5	215.0	247.0	134
36's	do.	166.5	160.0	160.0	160.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	182.5	187.5	205.0	237.0	148
32's	do.	141.5	135.0	135.0	135.0	145.0	145.0	142.5	140.0	145.0	152.5	175.0	179.0	133
30's	do.	131.5	125.0	125.0	125.0	135.0	135.0	132.5	130.0	133.8	137.5	145.0	161.0	129
26's	do.	107.5	105.0	101.2	100.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	97.5	108.8	112.5	120.0	128.0	128
22's	do.	88.5	87.5	83.8	82.5	82.5	82.5	81.2	80.0	90.0	93.1	102.5	110.5	134
18's	do.	83.5	82.5	78.8	77.5	71.5	67.5	68.8	70.0	80.0	84.4	97.5	105.5	136
Manmade staple and tow														
Viscose, 1½ denier 3/	do.	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	32.5	105
Acetate, 5 denier 3/	do.	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	100
Nylon, 4/														
3 denier	do.	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	100
15 denier	do.	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	90
Dacron 4/														
3 denier, type 54	do.	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	96
3 denier, type 64	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	151.0	151.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	---
4½ and 6 denier, type 54	do.	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	131.0	93
4½ and 6 denier, type 64	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	146.0	146.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	---
Orlon 4/														
3 denier	do.	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	100
4½ and 6 denier	do.	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	120.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	98
Type 39	do.	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	89
Type 39A	do.	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	87
Type 39B	do.	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	93
Acrilan 4/														
3 and 5 denier	do.	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	102
15 denier	do.	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	100
Verel 4/														
2 and 3 denier	do.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	93
5 and 8 denier	do.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	84
Dynel, 3, 6, and 12 denier 4/	do.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	100

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market. 3/ From Textile Organon. 4/ From Modern Textile Magazine.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part II - Imports and Exports

Item	Unit	1957	1958				1959			Latest data available as a percent of a year earlier
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Imports for consumption										
clean content										
Monthly aggregates	1,000									
Dutiable wool	pounds									
60's and finer	do.	2,303	3,671	3,052	4,090	6,389	6,234	7,567	6,583	161
56's-60's	do.	369	466	331	345	692	795	924	1,371	397
50's-56's	do.	296	281	362	504	503	597	416	995	197
46's-50's	do.	121	140	175	217	271	330	221	380	257
44's-46's	do.					134	289	123	177	
40's-44's	do.	279	442	193	341	142	337	338	573	168
Not finer than 40's	do.	323	609	457	794	794	683	728	1,525	192
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	216	153	80	246	268	184	98	291	118
Total dutiable wool 1/	do.	3,927	5,767	4,652	6,551	9,193	9,593	10,441	11,897	182
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	---	---	---	---	76	86	112	539	---
40's-44's	do.	---	---	---	---	437	1,107	474	1,318	---
Not finer than 40's	do.	3,457	6,183	4,278	7,340	9,702	11,403	7,830	13,930	190
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	3,624	4,889	2,868	3,119	5,356	7,800	5,432	6,259	201
Total duty-free	do.	7,081	11,072	7,146	10,459	15,571	20,396	13,848	22,046	211
Total free and dutiable	do.	11,008	16,839	11,798	17,010	24,764	29,989	24,289	33,943	200
Mohair	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Accumulated since January 1										
Dutiable wool	Million									
60's and finer	pounds	39.7	3.7	6.7	10.8	38.8	6.2	13.8	20.4	189
56's-60's	do.	9.0	.5	.8	1.1	5.9	.8	1.7	3.1	282
50's-56's	do.	6.9	.3	.6	1.1	6.1	.6	1.0	2.0	182
46's-50's	do.	2.5	.1	.3	.5	2.3	.3	.6	.9	300
44's-46's	do.					.4	.3	.4	.6	
40's-44's	do.	3.9	.4	.6	1.0	3.3	.3	.7	1.2	120
Not finer than 40's	do.	10.8	.6	1.1	1.9	7.8	.7	1.4	2.9	153
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	5.2	.2	.3	.5	2.3	.2	.3	.6	120
Total dutiable wool	do.	78.2	5.8	10.4	16.9	67.0	9.6	20.0	31.9	189
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	---	---	---	---	.1	.1	.2	.7	---
40's-44's	do.	---	---	---	---	1.2	1.1	1.6	2.9	---
Not finer than 40's	do.	64.5	6.2	10.5	17.8	79.1	11.4	19.2	33.2	187
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	56.5	4.9	7.7	10.9	42.2	7.8	13.2	19.5	179
Total duty-free wool	do.	121.0	11.1	18.2	28.7	122.6	20.4	34.2	56.3	196
Total free and dutiable	do.	199.2	16.9	28.6	45.6	189.6	30.0	54.2	88.2	193
Mohair	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Actual weight										
Monthly aggregates	1,000									
Dutiable wool	pounds	5,714	8,280	6,852	9,626	13,880	14,242	15,866	17,394	181
Duty-free wool	do.	9,339	14,758	9,836	14,144	19,250	25,539	17,436	28,603	202
Total free and dutiable	do.	15,053	23,038	16,688	23,770	33,130	39,781	33,302	45,997	194
Mohair	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Accummulated since January 1	Million									
Dutiable wool	pounds	111.8	8.3	15.1	24.8	97.4	14.2	30.1	47.5	192
Duty-free wool	do.	162.0	14.8	24.6	38.7	161.1	25.5	43.0	71.6	185
Total free and dutiable	do.	273.8	23.1	39.7	63.5	258.5	39.7	73.1	119.1	188
Mohair	do.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Exports of domestic wool and mohair,										
clean content 2/										
Monthly aggregates	1,000									
Apparel wool	pounds	775.0	1,982.8	1,634.6	1,342.7	---	----	---	---	---
Carpet wool	do.	2.4	.2	2.4	59.9	---	---	.5	---	---
Total apparel and carpet	do.	777.4	1,983.0	1,637.0	1,402.6	---	---	.5	---	---
Mohair 3/	do.	392.9	710.1	528.4	858.1	1,062.2	924.9	1,433.0	2,863.8	334
Accumulated since January 1										
Apparel wool	do.	1,931.7	1,982.8	3,617.4	4,960.1	5,039.0	---	---	---	---
Carpet wool	do.	227.1	.2	2.6	62.5	111.5	---	.5	.5	1
Total apparel and carpet	do.	2,158.8	1,983.0	3,620.0	5,022.6	5,150.5	---	.5	.5	---
Mohair 3/	do.	9,992.4	710.1	1,238.5	2,096.6	13,209.7	924.9	2,357.9	5,221.7	249

1/ Includes carbonized wool which is not reported by grade. 2/ Includes exports of foreign animal fiber scoured or otherwise advanced in condition in the United States. 3/ Mohair and other wool-like specialty hair.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part III - Mill Activity

Item	Unit	1957	1958				1959			Latest data available as a percent of a year earlier
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Mill consumption, scoured basis 1/										
Average weekly rate during month 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	1,000									
60's and finer	pounds	1,589	1,831	1,891	1,960	2,010	2,547	2,590	2,587	132
50's up to 60's	do.	1,272	1,318	1,600	1,556	1,541	1,978	2,020	1,995	128
48's and coarser	do.	360	318	364	381	328	427	456	501	131
Total apparel wool	do.	3,221	3,467	3,855	3,897	3,879	4,952	5,066	5,083	130
Carpet wool 4/	do.	1,895	2,024	2,166	2,108	2,841	3,615	3,646	3,227	153
Total apparel and carpet	do.	5,116	5,491	6,021	6,005	6,720	8,567	8,712	8,310	138
Monthly aggregates 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	Million									
60's and finer	pounds	6.4	9.1	7.6	7.8	10.1	10.2	10.4	12.9	165
50's up to 60's	do.	5.1	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.7	7.9	8.1	10.0	161
48's and coarser	do.	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.5	167
Total apparel wool	do.	12.9	17.3	15.4	15.5	19.4	19.8	20.3	25.4	164
Carpet wool 4/	do.	7.6	10.1	8.7	8.4	7.6	14.5	14.6	16.1	192
Total apparel and carpet	do.	20.5	27.4	24.1	23.9	27.0	34.3	34.9	41.5	174
Accumulated since January 1										
Apparel wool 3/										
By grade										
60's and finer	do.	120.7	9.1	16.7	24.5	110.0	10.2	20.6	33.5	137
50's up to 60's	do.	96.6	6.6	13.0	19.2	86.9	7.9	16.0	26.0	135
48's and coarser	do.	24.1	1.6	3.1	4.6	20.4	1.7	3.5	6.0	130
By system										
Woolen	do.	123.6	9.2	17.6	26.0	108.1	8.8	18.5	31.1	120
Worsted	do.	117.8	8.1	15.2	22.3	109.2	11.0	21.5	34.5	155
Total apparel wool	do.	241.4	17.3	32.8	48.3	217.3	19.8	40.0	65.6	136
Carpet wool 4/	do.	128.3	10.1	18.8	27.2	118.7	14.5	29.0	45.2	166
Total apparel and carpet	do.	369.7	27.4	51.6	75.5	336.0	34.3	69.0	110.8	147
Woolen and worsted fabric production 5/										
Accumulated since January 1										
Woven fabric other than felt										
Apparel fabric	Million									
Government orders	linear	4.9			0.4	4.8				98
Other	yards									
Men's and boys' wear	do.	128.9			27.4	113.9				88
Women's and children's yaar	do.	145.3			31.0	144.7				100
Total other	do.	274.2			58.4	258.6				94
Total apparel fabric	do.	279.1			58.8	263.4				94
Non-apparel fabric										
Blanketing	do.	8.3			2.0	7.1				96
Other	do.	3.4			.7	2.8				82
Total non-apparel fabric	do.	11.7			2.7	9.9				85
Total other than felt	do.	290.8			61.5	273.3				94
Woven felt	Million									
Papermakers	pounds	6.8			1.6	6.8				100
Other	do.	2.5			.6	2.4				96
Total woven felt	do.	9.3			2.2	9.2				99

1/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of pressed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products.

2/ Monthly periods are 4 or 5 calendar weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter.

3/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign wool.

4/ Duty-free foreign wool.

5/ Fabrics wholly or chiefly by weight of new, reused, or reprocessed wool or other animal fiber.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 7.--Price per pound of fleece wools, clean basis (Bradford yield), at the London auctions, by Bradford grades, 1957 to date

Week ended 1/	Good medium fleeces		Fine crossbred fleeces		Crossbred fleeces	
	64's-70's	58's-60's	56's	50's	48's	46's
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1957						
January 18	172.5	138.7	106.0	97.9	95.6	95.6
February 1	174.9	138.8	111.9	99.1	95.6	95.6
February 22	174.9	143.4	121.2	102.6	96.8	95.6
March 1	172.5	139.8	114.2	99.0	94.4	93.2
March 29	171.9	141.7	118.5	103.4	97.6	97.6
April 5	171.8	144.0	120.8	105.7	99.9	99.9
May 17	178.9	156.8	127.8	109.2	102.2	102.2
May 24	174.4	150.0	---	104.6	97.6	97.6
July 5	168.6	140.7	122.1	101.2	95.4	95.4
July 12	171.8	146.3	127.7	102.2	96.4	96.4
September 13	160.0	141.4	127.5	102.0	93.9	93.9
September 20	161.2	141.5	129.9	104.4	96.3	96.3
October 25	145.8	128.3	117.8	95.6	91.0	88.6
November 1	139.8	128.1	117.6	89.7	85.0	82.7
November 29	135.6	126.2	116.9	91.2	86.5	84.2
December 6	127.4	118.0	113.4	88.8	85.3	83.0
1958						
January 17	127.8	111.3	---	80.9	77.4	---
January 31	133.7	118.5	96.2	84.5	80.9	79.8
February 21	134.9	120.8	---	76.3	72.7	71.6
February 28	130.2	110.2	---	73.9	70.4	70.4
March 21	130.1	111.4	---	73.9	70.3	69.2
March 28	130.2	111.5	---	71.6	68.1	66.9
May 16	125.6	---	---	68.1	63.4	63.4
May 23	125.6	---	---	70.4	64.5	64.6
July 18	124.9	---	---	71.2	64.2	64.2
September 12	116.7	---	---	70.0	63.0	63.0
September 19	112.2	---	---	67.8	63.1	63.1
October 24	112.3	---	---	67.8	63.1	63.1
October 31	106.4	---	80.7	67.8	63.1	63.1
November 28	106.3	---	81.8	68.9	64.3	64.3
December 5	106.3	---	81.7	68.9	64.2	64.2
1959						
January 16	98.2	---	---	---	---	63.1
January 23	98.3	81.9	---	67.9	63.2	63.2
February 27	100.7	85.5	---	70.2	65.6	64.4
March 13	103.1	86.7	---	71.5	66.8	65.6
April 17	120.9	111.5	---	82.2	78.6	78.6
April 24	124.3	115.0	---	85.6	83.3	83.3
May						

1/ Opening and closing weeks for each series.

Compiled from Krelinger and Fernau market reports. Prices converted from pence (United Kingdom) to cents at current rates of exchange.

Table 8.--Price per pound of domestic shorn wool at Boston, clean basis, for week ended May 22, 1959 with comparisons

Classification	Average 1947-49	1958 week ended May 23	1959 week ended Feb. 27	1959 week ended May 22	Percentage change week ended May 22 from: Average 1947-49	May 23 1958	Feb. 27 1959
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Percent	Percent	Percent
Graded							
Territory and Texas							
Fine, good French combing and staple	151.7	115.0	107.5	122.5	-19.2	+ 6.5	+14.0
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	137.1	107.5	102.5	117.5	-14.3	+ 9.3	+14.6
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	109.1	95.0	92.5	107.5	- 1.5	+13.2	+16.2
1/4 blood, good Grench combing and staple	100.0	90.0	87.5	102.5	+ 2.5	+13.9	+17.1
Low 1/4 blood	89.9	87.5	82.5	97.5	+ 8.4	+11.4	+18.2
Common and braid	83.5	82.5	77.5	92.5	+10.8	+12.1	+19.4
Fleece							
Fine, Delaine	154.5	120.0	112.5	122.5	-20.7	+ 2.1	+ 8.9
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	131.6	102.5	97.5	112.5	-14.5	+ 9.8	+15.4
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	103.2	86.0	86.0	102.5	- .7	+19.2	+19.2
1/4 blood, good French combing and staple	97.0	81.0	82.5	99.5	+ 2.6	+22.8	+20.6
Low 1/4 blood	78.4	72.5	77.5	92.5	+18.0	+27.6	+19.4
Common and braid	73.4	72.5	72.5	87.5	+19.2	+20.7	+20.7
Original bag							
Fine Texas							
Good French combing and staple	150.9	117.5	112.5	127.5	-15.5	+ 8.5	+13.3
Eight months (1 inch and over)	121.0	107.5	87.5	112.5	- 7.0	+ 4.7	+28.6
Fall (3/4 inch and over)	110.8	92.5	82.5	102.5	- 7.5	+10.8	+24.2

Compiled from market reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 9.--Estimated world production and consumption of wool, clean basis, 1950 to date

Item	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 2/	1959 2/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Production 1/	2,238	2,330	2,356	2,551	2,580	2,625	2,780	2,933	2,877	2,935
Consumption	2,643	2,315	2,378	2,678	2,578	2,661	2,869	2,955	2,774	---

1/ Production during the season beginning during the previous calendar year.

2/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

Table 10.--Exports of wool, actual weight, from Southern Hemisphere surplus-producing countries, 1956-57, 1957-58, and 1958-59 seasons through March 1/

Exporting country	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Australia 2/	816	816	822
New Zealand 2/	261	251	283
Union of South Africa	199	174	171
Argentina	129	75	197
Uruguay	74	57	84

1/ Season beginning July 1 in Australia, New Zealand, and Union of South Africa, and season beginning October 1 in Argentina and Uruguay.
2/ Through February.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Economic Committee.

Table 11.--Average weekly rate of consumption of apparel and carpet wool on woolen and worsted systems, scoured basis, United States, by months, 1950 to date

Classification	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1950												
Apparel	8,006	8,837	8,518	7,943	8,268	8,084	7,370	9,901	9,015	9,671	7,871	7,393
Carpet	3,974	3,977	3,989	4,208	4,097	3,725	2,448	3,989	3,710	4,223	3,712	3,638
Total	11,980	12,814	12,507	12,151	12,365	11,809	9,818	13,890	12,725	13,894	11,583	11,031
1951												
Apparel	8,192	7,496	7,020	8,754	8,609	8,541	6,282	7,320	6,912	6,360	6,368	6,300
Carpet	3,416	3,410	3,268	2,507	1,807	1,622	413	1,040	1,069	1;556	1,663	1,761
Total	11,608	10,906	10,288	11,261	10,416	10,163	6,695	8,360	7,981	7,916	8,031	8,061
1952												
Apparel	5,904	6,218	5,971	5,876	6,277	6,779	6,335	7,621	7,784	7,656	7,120	6,725
Carpet	2,261	2,513	2,385	2,265	2,033	1,403	1,289	2,305	2,730	2,648	2,824	3,029
Total	8,165	8,731	8,356	8,141	8,310	8,182	7,624	9,926	10,514	10,304	9,944	9,754
1953												
Apparel	7,033	7,599	7,704	7,472	8,075	8,034	6,526	7,649	7,083	5,986	4,717	4,118
Carpet	2,869	3,238	3,295	2,929	2,450	2,622	1,490	2,677	2,503	2,358	2,258	2,137
Total	9,902	10,837	10,999	10,401	10,525	10,656	8,016	10,326	9,586	8,344	6,975	6,255
1954												
Apparel	4,652	4,916	4,894	5,476	5,851	5,570	5,271	5,926	4,881	4,962	4,685	4,520
Carpet	2,514	2,500	2,389	2,346	2,093	1,793	1,370	2,296	2,300	2,365	2,274	2,214
Total	7,166	7,416	7,283	7,822	7,944	7,363	6,641	8,222	7,181	7,327	6,959	6,734
1955												
Apparel	5,279	5,673	5,390	5,586	5,751	5,282	5,046	5,721	5,066	5,621	5,570	5,098
Carpet	2,546	2,540	2,541	2,555	2,585	2,251	1,655	2,629	2,650	2,976	2,893	2,775
Total	7,825	8,213	7,931	8,141	8,336	7,533	6,701	8,350	7,716	8,597	8,463	7,873
1956												
Apparel	6,171	6,405	5,865	6,255	6,143	5,569	5,214	5,966	5,111	5,921	4,995	5,175
Carpet	3,213	3,362	2,898	3,037	2,863	2,363	1,787	3,044	2,685	3,206	2,309	2,682
Total	9,384	9,767	8,763	9,292	9,006	7,932	7,001	9,010	7,796	9,127	7,304	7,857
1957												
Apparel	5,303	5,576	5,382	5,034	5,319	5,374	4,217	4,798	4,558	3,635	3,388	3,222
Carpet	2,996	3,340	3,160	2,867	2,376	2,054	1,687	2,431	2,375	2,374	2,030	1,895
Total	8,299	8,916	8,542	7,901	7,695	7,428	5,904	7,229	6,933	6,009	5,418	5,117
1958												
Apparel	3,467	3,855	3,897	3,744	4,241	4,651	4,096	4,658	4,528	4,200	4,354	3,879
Carpet	2,024	2,166	2,108	1,521	1,467	1,625	1,476	2,478	2,862	2,845	3,111	2,841
Total	5,491	6,021	6,005	5,265	5,708	6,276	5,572	7,136	7,390	7,045	7,465	6,720
1959												
Apparel	4,952	5,066	5,083	5,767								
Carpet	3,615	3,646	3,227	3,485								
Total	8,567	8,712	8,310	9,252								

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 12.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool and other fiber consumed on the worsted system, United States, by months, 1951 to date 1/

Fiber	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep													
1951	84.7	86.0	84.4	88.1	87.8	87.2	85.4	86.2	86.9	84.8	82.5	83.2	85.8
1952	85.5	84.4	82.5	85.4	85.6	86.7	89.6	87.6	88.2	87.6	86.5	84.8	86.4
1953	86.2	85.3	89.2	88.7	89.3	87.9	91.2	89.9	90.8	89.2	86.2	88.6	88.6
1954	86.7	87.9	86.7	87.8	88.1	88.4	89.7	88.5	87.8	83.5	86.0	88.1	88.5
1955	87.4	88.1	88.4	86.9	85.1	86.5	87.8	86.8	87.4	88.6	89.9	88.7	87.6
1956	88.9	88.5	88.4	88.1	87.8	89.5	89.6	88.4	90.3	89.8	89.6	89.0	89.0
1957	89.7	89.2	86.1	86.9	86.4	86.8	88.0	83.8	84.6	82.5	85.7	81.8	86.3
1958	86.7	83.8	83.2	82.6	82.9	84.2	85.0	86.1	86.2	83.8	89.6	90.7	85.6
1959	90.5	88.0	87.4										
Manmade fiber 2/ 3/													
1951	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.3	3.2
1952	3.3	3.4	4.3	3.3	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.1	2.4	2.8	3.0	2.9
1953	8.6	8.3	7.3	7.2	6.0	6.5	4.6	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.6	4.3	6.5
1954	6.2	6.0	6.5	5.8	5.6	5.8	4.9	5.0	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.4
1955	6.3	5.4	6.0	6.4	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.5	6.8	5.8	4.8	6.3	6.3
1956	6.5	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.1	5.1	4.6	5.4	5.4	6.1	6.3	6.2	5.8
1957	5.7	6.5	8.2	8.1	7.8	8.2	7.7	10.1	9.9	11.1	8.7	11.3	8.4
1958	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.8	7.7	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.6	7.9	6.2	5.4	7.4
1959	5.7	6.6	6.9										
Other fiber 2/													
1951	10.9	10.1	11.9	8.8	8.8	9.8	11.7	11.6	10.8	12.9	15.0	13.5	11.0
1952	11.2	12.2	13.2	11.3	12.0	10.4	7.9	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.7	12.2	10.7
1953	5.2	6.4	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.6	4.2	4.3	3.7	4.9	7.2	7.1	4.9
1954	7.1	6.1	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.8	5.4	6.5	5.6	10.4	8.4	6.5	6.1
1955	6.3	6.5	5.6	6.7	8.1	6.8	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.0	6.1
1956	4.6	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.8	6.2	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.8	5.2
1957	4.6	4.3	5.7	5.0	5.8	5.0	4.3	6.1	5.5	6.4	5.6	6.9	5.3
1958	4.6	7.3	7.8	7.6	9.4	9.0	8.4	7.5	7.2	8.3	4.2	3.9	7.0
1959	3.8	5.4	5.7										

1/ Consumption on the worsted system is taken as the sum of top and noil combed. 2/ Prior to January 1953, man-made fibers other than rayon and acetate were included in "other fiber." 3/ Does not include top converted from tow without combing.

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 13.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool and other fiber consumed for the spinning of yarn (except carpet) on the woolen system, United States, by months, 1951 to date

Fiber	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep													
1951	35.3	36.7	39.6	41.7	42.0	42.0	46.5	45.5	45.9	47.1	45.1	45.2	42.5
1952	43.4	42.2	42.3	41.6	42.0	41.2	41.9	43.4	42.7	43.8	44.2	43.8	42.7
1953	43.6	46.1	45.3	47.9	45.1	44.0	42.3	45.6	47.4	46.8	46.7	45.8	44.7
1954	45.4	42.8	43.4	43.2	43.2	42.3	41.0	41.8	43.6	43.2	44.0	42.9	43.0
1955	41.9	42.0	41.4	41.1	41.9	40.2	40.3	39.2	39.3	38.2	39.8	40.1	40.4
1956	39.8	39.1	40.0	40.4	38.9	40.2	39.4	39.0	38.9	39.1	40.4	40.5	39.6
1957	39.2	39.5	39.7	38.2	37.2	37.1	36.1	35.1	35.2	34.4	31.7	33.1	36.6
1958	36.4	35.3	34.1	34.3	34.6	35.5	35.2	33.7	34.0	33.4	33.0	34.7	34.5
1959	35.6	35.3	36.4										
Other wool, reprocessed wool, and reused wool 1/													
1951	48.3	45.5	42.8	44.3	42.5	43.5	40.3	40.8	41.6	41.2	43.1	42.4	43.2
1952	43.8	43.6	42.0	42.6	42.4	45.7	46.2	42.6	43.0	42.2	41.5	41.9	43.2
1953	43.1	40.6	40.1	37.0	41.2	42.2	44.6	40.1	38.4	38.5	36.6	40.2	41.3
1954	40.6	41.6	41.0	41.0	42.5	44.7	45.5	42.5	41.1	41.5	40.4	43.2	42.2
1955	43.4	42.0	41.3	42.4	41.1	43.1	42.9	41.9	42.5	44.3	42.0	43.6	42.5
1956	43.7	43.2	42.6	42.0	42.7	41.0	42.8	42.1	41.2	40.9	38.7	41.3	41.9
1957	39.9	39.9	39.5	40.3	40.1	41.0	42.0	42.7	41.1	40.3	43.3	45.6	41.2
1958	40.4	42.0	41.9	41.5	42.2	42.8	42.1	41.9	41.7	41.6	41.1	41.9	41.7
1959	40.9	41.0	40.4										
Manmade fiber 2/													
1951	7.0	8.3	7.6	6.1	7.2	6.6	5.5	5.3	5.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	6.0
1952	4.3	4.9	6.6	6.0	6.2	4.9	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.1
1953	8.7	8.2	8.9	9.4	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.8	8.3	8.6	9.6	7.2	8.5
1954	8.0	10.1	10.5	11.0	9.9	9.3	9.7	11.4	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.2	10.4
1955	11.1	12.6	13.7	12.8	13.2	12.9	13.1	14.5	14.1	13.0	13.8	11.8	13.1
1956	11.9	12.7	12.8	13.2	13.9	14.0	13.5	14.2	15.1	15.2	15.8	13.6	13.8
1957	16.0	15.4	16.0	16.9	18.2	17.1	17.0	17.3	18.9	20.3	20.4	17.2	17.5
1958	19.1	19.3	20.7	20.2	19.4	18.0	19.0	20.4	20.2	21.2	21.9	19.4	20.0
1959	19.7	20.1	19.8										
Other fiber 2/													
1951	9.4	9.5	10.0	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.4	7.5	7.4	7.6	8.0	8.3
1952	8.5	9.3	9.1	9.8	9.4	8.2	7.5	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.5	9.4	9.0
1953	4.6	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.1	5.6	5.0	5.5	5.9	6.1	7.1	6.8	5.5
1954	6.0	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.4
1955	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.0
1956	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.7
1957	4.9	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.1	4.7
1958	4.1	3.4	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.8
1959	3.8	3.6	3.4										

1/ As defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939.

2/ Prior to January 1953, manmade fibers other than rayon and acetate were included in "other fiber".

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 14.--Percentage distribution of fibers consumed for spinning of carpet and rug yarns on the woolen system, United States, by months, 1950 to date

Fiber	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep													
1950	80.3	80.3	81.2	81.6	81.6	79.1	75.5	78.4	78.5	76.8	74.7	74.2	79.2
1951	73.9	71.4	72.5	63.0	54.6	52.0	38.7	56.2	57.4	65.5	64.5	69.8	64.6
1952	71.1	73.8	72.0	72.4	70.9	74.5	75.1	78.5	75.2	74.2	75.5	73.9	73.9
1953	73.6	73.4	73.4	74.9	73.0	74.0	74.7	77.7	75.8	74.3	75.5	75.3	74.6
1954	72.8	74.8	76.1	74.9	74.2	71.5	69.7	71.3	73.2	69.7	71.7	71.7	72.8
1955	67.3	67.3	67.1	68.5	72.6	68.5	69.2	70.3	71.9	70.9	70.8	73.1	69.8
1956	73.6	74.0	76.2	71.8	73.7	74.8	71.6	72.4	70.5	71.3	67.1	68.7	72.2
1957	72.5	74.3	72.1	73.0	69.9	68.5	70.4	69.0	69.8	69.4	66.1	65.8	70.5
1958	65.1	63.7	66.4	60.0	61.3	65.8	69.6	69.7	69.7	69.3	68.3	70.6	67.3
1959	75.0	73.2	72.6										
Other wool 1/													
1950	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.1	4.6	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.4
1951	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.0	3.7	3.0
1952	2.7	2.1	3.2	3.8	4.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.2	2.5
1953	4.0	5.5	5.0	5.3	4.3	6.6	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.8	5.2	5.7	5.1
1954	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.0	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.1
1955	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.4	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9
1956	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.5
1957	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	.7	.9	.9	1.1	.9	1.0
1958	.9	.7	.9	.9	1.2	1.2	1.0	.7	.9	.8	.7	.6	.8
1959	.5	.5	.5										
Reused and reprocessed wool 1/													
1950	10.8	9.2	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.1	11.5	8.7	9.8	9.7	10.2	8.7	9.7
1951	9.2	9.6	8.9	9.1	9.2	8.5	13.1	5.0	8.5	6.8	7.3	5.8	8.5
1952	6.8	5.9	4.7	4.8	5.9	8.4	10.4	6.2	5.9	5.6	4.4	4.6	6.8
1953	5.4	4.0	5.0	4.8	5.9	4.8	7.1	4.1	5.0	4.4	7.7	4.4	5.1
1954	7.4	7.5	8.3	6.8	7.4	9.1	7.9	8.9	9.1	7.7	7.7	8.1	8.0
1955	9.1	8.6	9.8	7.9	6.2	6.3	6.9	6.2	7.7	8.0	7.8	8.2	7.8
1956	7.1	7.0	6.4	8.3	8.3	6.2	8.5	8.3	8.6	8.9	8.6	9.7	7.9
1957	9.7	8.1	9.3	10.2	8.0	8.5	10.7	10.1	9.6	11.2	10.0	9.7	9.6
1958	8.1	9.4	9.8	12.5	12.7	12.0	10.7	10.1	9.8	9.5	10.9	10.3	10.3
1959	8.4	9.7	10.0										
Man-made fiber 2/													
1950	2.4	4.0	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.5	5.5	5.7	5.8	7.2	9.4	12.3	5.6
1951	11.7	13.8	13.4	22.0	29.4	31.9	37.1	31.4	27.7	21.5	22.3	17.5	20.8
1952	17.4	15.8	18.6	17.6	17.2	12.2	9.6	11.5	13.2	14.2	14.0	16.1	15.1
1953	15.3	16.0	15.6	14.0	15.7	13.7	12.7	11.9	13.4	14.5	10.7	13.5	14.1
1954	16.8	14.8	12.5	14.9	15.3	16.6	19.1	17.3	15.3	18.2	17.4	17.4	16.2
1955	21.4	21.7	20.6	20.7	18.5	22.1	19.5	20.4	16.6	17.6	18.0	15.9	19.3
1956	16.9	16.4	14.4	17.0	15.0	16.4	16.2	16.6	18.1	17.3	21.8	19.5	17.2
1957	15.8	15.0	16.2	13.7	17.8	19.1	16.0	18.2	18.6	17.4	21.5	22.0	17.2
1958	24.8	24.3	21.1	24.5	23.0	19.1	17.7	18.2	18.1	19.4	19.1	17.2	20.2
1959	14.6	16.0	16.0										
Other fiber 2/													
1950	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.5	4.4	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.1	2.1
1951	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.4	3.2	4.0	7.4	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.1
1952	2.0	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7
1953	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	.9	.7	1.4	1.1	1.0	.9	1.1	1.1
1954	.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	.8	.6	.3	.8	.3	1.9	1.0	.8	.9
1955	.8	.8	.8	.9	.8	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.8	1.5	.9	1.2
1956	.7	.8	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.2
1957	1.0	1.7	1.4	2.2	3.3	2.9	1.6	2.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.7
1958	1.1	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4
1959	1.5	.6	.9										

1/ As defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939.
2/ Prior to January 1953, synthetics other than rayon and acetate were included with "other fibers."

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 15.-Estimated mill consumption of wool, rayon, acetate, other manmade fibers, silk, and cotton, United States, 1946-58

Year	Wool (scoured basis) 1/			Rayon and acetate 4/			Other manmade fibers 4/	Silk 5/	Cotton 6/
	Apparel 2/	Carpet 3/	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total			
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
1946	609.6	127.9	737.5	666.5	209.2	875.7	53.2	13.5	4,809.1
1947	525.9	172.3	698.2	729.3	258.6	987.9	51.4	3.2	4,665.6
1948	485.2	207.9	693.1	846.7	302.9	1,149.6	71.6	7.4	4,463.5
1949	339.0	161.4	500.4	782.8	210.7	993.5	92.8	4.0	3,839.1
1950	436.9	197.9	634.8	955.6	396.0	1,351.6	140.5	10.5	4,682.7
1951	382.1	102.0	484.1	865.5	411.1	1,276.6	195.5	7.2	4,868.6
1952	346.8	119.6	466.4	845.2	370.3	1,215.5	249.1	12.6	4,470.9
1953	358.0	135.9	493.9	865.6	357.4	1,223.0	279.6	7.8	4,456.1
1954	269.6	114.5	384.1	721.2	433.6	1,154.8	328.7	8.5	4,127.3
1955	281.2	132.6	413.8	857.8	561.4	1,419.2	432.1	11.0	4,382.4
1956	296.7	144.1	440.8	727.2	473.9	1,201.1	484.3	12.7	4,362.6
1957	241.4	128.3	369.7	685.9	491.2	1,177.1	562.0	8.3	4,064.4
1958 7/	217.3	118.7	336.0	643.7	464.1	1,107.8	578.3	4.8	3,863.2

1/ Consumption, scoured basis, on woolen and worsted systems as reported by the Bureau of the Census.
2/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign.
3/ Duty-free foreign.
4/ Domestic shipments plus imports for consumption as published by the Textile Economics Bureau, Inc.
5/ Imports for consumption as reported by the Bureau of the Census.
6/ Mill consumption as reported by the Bureau of the Census. For American Cotton, tare as reported by the Crop Reporting Board was deducted; for foreign cotton, 3 percent was deducted.
7/ Preliminary.

Table 16.--Commercial stocks of apparel wool, scoured basis, and a comparison of stocks with mill consumption, United States, December 28, 1946-January 1, 1959 1/

Year	Held by						Total reported stocks	Number of weeks mill supply represented by stocks held by 2/		
	Manufacturers			Dealers and U. S Government				Manufacturers	Dealers and U. S. Government	Total
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total				
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Number	Number	Number
Dec. 28, 1946	44,217	109,735	153,952	229,187	54,620	283,807	437,759	12.7	23.3	36.0
Jan. 3, 1948	49,574	89,151	138,725	190,525	32,262	222,787	361,512	14.8	23.9	38.7
Apr. 2, 1949	37,945	57,712	95,657	86,504	17,160	103,664	199,321	14.6	15.9	30.5
Apr. 1, 1950	36,300	54,824	91,124	36,053	16,058	52,111	143,235	10.7	6.2	16.9
Dec. 29, 1951	22,925	61,797	84,722	34,227	16,138	50,365	135,087	13.4	7.9	21.3
Dec. 27, 1952	29,205	51,021	80,226	65,622	16,215	81,837	162,063	11.1	11.4	22.5
Apr. 1, 1954	24,323	34,144	58,467	80,103	11,126	91,229	149,696	12.1	18.9	31.0
Apr. 1, 1955	27,442	32,686	60,128	87,561	11,982	99,543	159,671	11.0	18.3	29.3
Apr. 1, 1956	28,923	29,697	58,620	76,372	10,674	87,046	145,666	9.6	14.2	23.8
Apr. 1, 1957	38,091	29,149	67,240	45,889	9,217	55,106	122,346	12.4	10.2	22.6
Jan. 1, 1958	34,804	24,265	59,069	44,166	11,869	56,035	115,104	17.2	16.2	33.4
Jan. 1, 1959 3/	35,291	21,133	56,424	26,485	8,807	35,292	91,716	13.7	8.5	22.2

1/ Includes stocks held on consignment, stocks held in bond, and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation, but excludes wool held by the Commodity Credit Corporation for the Department of Defense (1951 and 1952) and wool held for the account of domestic growers except that held on consignment for growers.
2/ Stocks compared with mill consumption during 3 previous months.
3/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 17.--Commercial stocks of carpet wool, scoured basis, and a comparison of stocks with mill consumption, United States, December 28, 1946-April 1, 1959 1/

Year	Held by		Total reported stocks	Number of weeks mill supply represented by stocks held by 2/		
	Dealers	Manufacturers		Dealers	Manufacturers	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Number	Number	Number
Dec. 28, 1946	16,550	85,763	102,313	5.8	30.4	36.2
Jan. 3, 1948	12,808	62,809	75,617	3.7	18.3	22.0
Apr. 2, 1949	12,560	49,432	61,992	3.2	12.5	15.7
Apr. 1, 1950	5,298	49,207	54,505	1.3	12.4	13.7
Dec. 29, 1951	6,031	32,389	38,420	3.7	19.6	23.3
Dec. 27, 1952	5,247	37,613	42,860	1.9	13.2	15.1
Jan. 2, 1954	8,967	33,329	42,296	3.9	14.4	18.3
Jan. 1, 1955	5,504	24,834	30,338	2.4	10.9	13.3
Dec. 31, 1955	6,789	27,617	34,406	2.4	9.6	12.0
Jan. 1, 1957	5,524	27,675	33,199	2.0	10.3	12.3
Jan. 1, 1958	6,876	26,894	33,770	3.2	12.7	15.9
Jan. 1, 1959 3/	6,687	26,840	33,527	2.3	9.2	11.5
April 1, 1959	5,691	37,744	43,435	1.8	10.9	12.7

1/ Includes stocks held on consignment and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation.
2/ Stocks compared with mill consumption during 3 previous months.

Table 18.--Production of woolen and worsted woven goods, United States, 1954-58 1/

Fabric	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	Percentage change 1958 from 1956	Percentage change 1958 from 1957
	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	1,000 linear yards	Percent	Percent
Woven fabric (except felt)	284,231	317,586	324,358	290,786	273,290	- 15.8	- 6.0
Apparel	262,369	297,744	312,611	279,116	263,360	- 15.8	- 5.6
Government orders	872	5,248	2,262	4,916	4,794	+111.9	- 2.5
Other than Government orders	261,497	292,496	310,349	274,200	258,566	- 16.7	- 5.7
Men's and boys'	2/123,197	2/141,099	2/154,674	2/128,931	2/113,857	- 26.4	-11.7
Woolen	53,103	68,264	70,612	66,103	53,022	- 24.9	-19.8
Worsted	64,197	65,883	72,944	53,368	55,853	- 23.4	+ 4.7
Women's and children's	2/138,300	2/151,397	2/155,675	2/145,269	2/144,709	- 7.0	- .4
Woolen	110,027	122,914	125,971	117,034	118,005	- 6.3	+ .8
Worsted	16,156	15,403	15,629	13,226	11,575	- 25.9	-12.5
Non-apparel	21,862	19,842	11,747	11,670	9,930	- 15.5	-14.9
Blanketing	12,584	11,816	8,850	8,248	7,105	- 19.7	-13.9
Government orders	969	655	566	---	---	---	---
Other than Government orders	11,615	11,161	8,284	---	---	---	---
Transportation upholstery	5,147	4,370	2,034	2,329	1,868	- 8.2	-19.8
Other non-apparel	4,131	3,656	863	1,093	957	+ 10.9	-12.4
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent	Percent
Woven felt	9,849	10,753	10,979	9,315	9,165	- 16.5	- 1.6

1/ Fabrics wholly or chiefly by weight of wool reused wool, reprocessed wool or other animal fibers. Blanketing in 72 inch width or equivalent. Other fabrics in 54 to 60 inch widths or equivalent 54 inch width.

2/ Includes fabrics 20 oz. and over for which breakdown not available.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census

Table 19.--Production of woolen and worsted woven goods, United States, 1958 as percent of 1957

Fabric	January-March	April-June	July-September	October-December
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Woven fabric (except felt)	81.0	89.7	96.9	112.2
Apparel	80.9	89.6	97.2	114.0
Government orders	24.0	98.1	119.7	227.9
Other than Government orders	82.2	89.5	96.7	112.7
Men's and boys'	73.6	83.3	88.2	116.6
Woolen	65.5	79.1	80.5	104.7
Worsted	90.6	98.0	104.6	128.8
Women's and children's	91.7	95.0	103.2	109.6
Woolen	92.9	97.1	104.1	110.1
Worsted	77.2	73.0	101.3	106.8
Non-apparel	82.7	91.2	89.0	79.7
Blanketing	89.5	93.4	83.7	80.4
Government orders	---	---	---	---
Other than Government orders	---	---	---	---
Transportation upholstery	72.5	84.4	102.1	68.5
Other non-apparel	59.8	90.6	111.3	118.8
Woven felt	89.1	94.2	101.1	110.6

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 20.--Percentage distribution of production of top by fiber content, United States, by months, 1956 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
						Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep							
1956	77.1	76.1	76.8	73.4	71.9	74.9	73.8	72.3	77.8	76.0	76.8	75.2	75.2
1957	77.4	76.5	71.2	70.2	70.8	70.4	71.2	65.4	68.4	64.5	65.8	67.5	70.4
1958	70.5	66.9	65.7	64.1	64.8	65.9	67.6	67.6	67.4	66.2	70.8	74.3	67.8
1959	73.9	69.5	69.1										
						Manmade fiber 1/							
1956	19.0	19.4	18.3	21.9	23.2	20.7	21.5	22.7	18.8	20.7	19.7	20.9	20.5
1957	18.8	19.9	24.4	25.9	24.6	25.7	25.4	29.9	27.3	30.7	30.0	27.0	25.4
1958	25.8	26.2	28.1	30.2	28.1	27.0	25.7	26.5	26.8	27.1	26.0	22.6	26.7
1959	23.3	26.4	26.5										
						Other fiber							
1956	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.7	5.0	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.3
1957	3.8	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.6	3.9	3.4	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.2	5.5	4.2
1958	3.7	6.9	6.2	5.7	7.1	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.8	6.7	3.2	3.1	5.5
1959	2.8	4.1	4.4										

1/ Top combed and top converted from tow without combing.

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 21.--Cuttings of specified items of men's tailored clothing, United States, January-March, 1957-59

Type of garment	Number of garments cut			Percentage change 1959 from	
	1957 (13 weeks)	1958 (13 weeks)	1959 (13 weeks)	1957	1958
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Percent
Suits, total	5,829	4,458	5,160	-11.5	+15.7
Regular-weight	3,054	1,948	2,088	-31.6	+ 7.2
Summer-weight	2,775	2,510	3,072	+10.7	+22.4
50 percent or more wool	1,254	1,054	1,389	+10.8	+31.8
Man-made fibers	1,453	1,362	1,683	+10.6	+15.6
Other	68	94			
Separate dress and sport trousers	18,324	15,107	21,008	+14.6	+39.1
50 percent or more wool	4,116	2,722	3,710	- 9.9	+36.3
Other	14,208	12,385	17,298	+21.7	+39.7
Dress and sport coats	---	1,760	2,666	---	+51.5
Overcoats and topcoats	1,207	611	783	-35.1	+28.2

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 22.--Percentage distribution of cuttings of men's tailored clothing by fiber content and type of garment, United States, January-March, 1957-59

Type of garment	1957	1958	1959
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Summer-weight suits	100.0	100.0	100.0
50 percent or more wool	45.2	42.0	45.2
Man-made fibers	52.4	54.3	54.8
Other	2.4	3.7	
Separate dress and sport trousers	100.0	100.0	100.0
50 percent or more wool	22.5	18.0	17.7
Other	77.5	82.0	82.3

Derived from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 23.--Cuttings of specified items of women's, misses', and juniors' outerwear garments by fiber content and type of garment, United States, January-March, 1957-59

Type of garment	1957	1958	1959	Percentage change 1959 from 1958
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Dresses (unit-priced)	39,538	35,017	40,104	+14.5
Rayon and acetate	18,653	18,756	19,971	+ 6.5
Other	20,885	16,261	20,133	+23.8
Skirts	20,184	20,592	26,496	+28.7
Rayon and acetate	4,272	3,756	5,820	+55.0
Other	15,912	16,836	20,676	+22.8
Suits	3,699	3,377	4,157	+23.1
Rayon and acetate	1,506	1,046	1,485	+42.0
Other	2,193	2,331	2,672	+14.6
Coats	7,323	6,859	6,679	- 2.6
Blouses	50,160	44,616	47,988	+ 7.6
Cotton	35,892	33,768	34,668	+ 2.7
Other	14,268	10,848	13,320	+22.8

Compiled from Facts for Industry Series M23H, Bureau of the Census.

Table 24.--Percentage distribution of cuttings of women's, misses', and juniors' outerwear garments by fiber content and type of garment, United States, January-March, 1957-59

Type of garment	1957	1958	1959
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Dresses (unit-priced)	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rayon and acetate	47.2	53.6	49.8
Other	52.8	46.4	50.2
Skirts	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rayon and acetate	21.2	18.2	22.0
Other	78.8	81.8	78.0
Suits	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rayon and acetate	40.7	31.0	35.7
Other	59.3	69.0	64.3
Blouses	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cotton	71.6	75.7	72.2
Other	28.4	24.3	27.8

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